PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

The Pilgrimage will take place **Thursday 1**st **October 2015.** The price of €1099 includes return flights from Dublin, 4 nights on full board basis in San Giovanni, 3 nights in Rome on B&B basis, luxury coach and a guide. Our Fr. Damian will accompany the pilgrimage as spiritual director.

Interested? Call Fr. Damian or Imelda Farrell – 01 4965357 /087 2402756

BELATED "THANKS"

A few weeks ago we thanked all who played a part in making our celebration of Easter a happy occasion and we forgot to "thank" the 'Tidy Towns' people who painted our beautiful gates at the entrance of our church. We certainly appreciate your kindness and thank you sincerely.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH OLDER PEOPLE BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS

Age Action in association with Dublin City Council runs free basic computer classes for older people at Rossaveal Court just off the Drumfinn Road in Ballyfermot on a Thursday morning

- Class sizes are small with one volunteer tutor for every student.
- Volunteers find the classes rewarding & fun.
- Basic computer skills and an interest in working with older people needed but patience, good sense of humour just as important.

For more information email gettingstarted@ageaction.ie or phone 01 475 6989.

INTERESTED IN JOINING A CHOIR

The recently formed Clondalkin Active Retirement Choir is inviting inexperienced male and female singers to join in their weekly rehearsals Tuesdays 12 to 1pm Details from Thomas ---- phone 4573269

CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

We had Maureen Kavanagh, CSO from Head Office, Active Retirement Ireland Ltd on Tuesday last. Maureen gave an up-date on our members' entitlements and all that Active Retirement Ireland Ltd are planning in the future, thank you Maureen for your time and courtesy. Maureen's Son Peter who is also involved with Active Retirement Ireland Ltd is getting married next Sunday, the very best of luck to you Peter and your Bride from all our members. We then had Marty Mitchell and friend giving a little song and dance that went down a treat.

THE BEALTAINE FESTIVAL starts 1st May to 31st May run by South Dublin County Council (Sandra Hickey Tel: 4149270 / or 086 0431779 Email: shickey@sdublincoco.ie) with lots of events going on in your area, so please go to your local library to get a list of events.

On Thursday 14th May CLONDALKIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT CHOIR "BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE" are making their DEBUT as part of THE BEALTAINE FESTIVAL at Towers Club on Thursday 14th MAY at 7.30pm, so please come out and support this event which will be a great night.

We will also have RAMS IN RHYTHM (Newcastle Retired Active Men) Looking forward to seeing you all on the 14th

Clare

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Notices and submissions for the Newsletter must be received before 10.30am on WEDNESDAY morning to be considered for inclusion into that week's edition. Envelopes marked "PARISH NEWSLETTER" should be left into the Sacristy or Parish Office.

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DID YOUR PONY WIN A PRIZE?

The Confirmation season in the Village got off to a flying start last week with the return of Fr. John Wall the last real Parish Priest of Clondalkin. John was glad to be back to Confirm the boys and girls from Gaelscoil Cluain Dolcáin agus Gaelscoil na Camoige. John as always made time for each of the children who were Confirmed and their sponsors. He was very pleased when many sponsors said welcome back. On Friday, the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker it was Bishop Raymond Field who Confirmed the boys from Saint Joseph's. As always with Saint Joseph's liturgies there was great energy. Bishop Field also made time for each boy who was Confirmed and encouraged the sponsors to look out for and to pray for the person they stood for. In the three schools the amount of preparation by teachers, special needs assistants, school secretaries, caretakers, and music ministers is something our Parish never takes for granted.

Around this time of year clergy can become very exercised about all the hard work that schools and parishes put into preparing the children for Confirmation and we don't see the newly Confirmed too often afterwards. A real life story told to me last Sunday by a retired priest of the Diocese shows the rot set in sixty years ago. My pal was Confirmed in Booterstown Church in 1956. His day out, very simple by today's standards, was a trip with his Mother and Father to the Spring Show in the Royal Dublin Society. His Dad had to return to work at three o'clock so his Mother and himself stayed on and were returning home after the show on the forty three bus which in those days served Mount Merrion. The back seats of the bus faced each other and my pal in his Confirmation suit sporting his red rosette was looking very smart and feeling very content with himself when a lady opposite asked 'did your pony win a prize?????

May the Holy Spirit remain with all those Confirmed this year. Fr. Damian

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to

Holly O'Hara, Brown's Barn Gardens, Old Naas Rd

Ciarán Thomas Joyce, James Connolly Park Rí Brendan Geraghty, Cherrywood Avenue Orin John Wayne Daly, Monastery Rise

recently Baptised.

HOUR OF PRAYER – THURSDAY 7TH MAY 8PM TO 9PM

There will be an hour of prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for healing and individual blessing, finishing with Benediction at 9pm.

You are invited to come to this hour of prayer where we will gather to pray with you and for you as we ask the Healing Hand of the Lord to touch and strengthen us, all are welcome!

NOTICES

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday – Mass at 10am only Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 5th May

Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass.

The Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 11.00am. New members are welcome.

Wednesday 6th May

Baptism preparation meeting at 8pm Adults Faith Formation will meet upstairs in the Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm Prayer Group in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm downstairs

Friday 8th May

Pioneer Total Abstinence Meeting in the Pastoral Centre at 10.45am

DEATHS

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

Brid Hughes, Bushy Park, Galway, sister in law of Kathleen Cosgrove, Floraville Avenue

recently deceased. May she rest in peace.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Ann Marie Curravan and Martin Coyne

recently married.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 7th May Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the: **Sisters' Oratory**: from 10.45am to 11.45am **Church**: Holy Hour 8pm to 9pm All are welcome

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – STUDY OF CATECHISM

We have now completed the study of the Doctrine of the Trinity and continue next week with the study of "The Almighty" page 63 to 69 in the Catechism.

ANNIVERSARIES

Thursday 7th May

10.00am Lillian, Christopher and Brendan Behan

Saturday 9th May

9.30am Joe Moore

Sunday 10th May

5.30pm

7.30pm (Vigil) George Guilfoyle
Patrick Denton
Philip Denton
10.30am
Annie Fitzsimons

Joan Carroll. 2nd An

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Sunday 3rd May

11.00am Patrick Deans An,

John and Alice Grennan An.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

An Intercessory Prayer group meets to pray each Tuesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm for the Clondalkin Group of Parishes (CCPC). Please come and pray with us

Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre

Date: Tuesday 5th May and all are welcome

PRAYING THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited here in the Church every Thursday at 3pm for the sick, dying and deceased

On Friday at 3pm in Sruleen Church and in St Ronan's Church Deansrath every Wednesday at 11.30am, with Exposition.
All are invited

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 17th May. There is a notice on the Church Notice Boards with the details of the ceremonies and their times. You might consider driving to Knock! It is now a very comfortable drive mostly on motorway and takes less than 3 hours. Leaving Dublin between 9am and 10am you will arrive at Knock with plenty of time for a packed lunch before the first ceremony at 2.30pm.

It is an opportunity to see the many improvements to the facilities at the Shrine that have been undertaken in recent months.

Fr. Dave Lumsden, (PP Edenmore and Grange Park) Pilgrimage Director

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 2015

Date: 9th to 16th September

Spiritual Director: Fr. Owen Lambert CSsp

Hotel: Domus Pacis Fatima **Fare:** €765 inclusive of all taxes Single room supplement €175 Further information from:

Eileen Carty, 11 Orchard Rd, phone

4574832

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Pilgrimage leaves on Thursday next, 7th May. We wish those travelling a safe journey, a pleasant time and safely return back to us. We ask them to remember us while there and we join our prayers with theirs for Our Lady's continued protection.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rebecca Duggan and Betty Byrne Altar Linen: Angela Minihan

Flowers: Maintenance of arrangements up to and including Pentecost 24th May (First Holy Communion Saturday)

CONGRATULATIONS!

The boys of St. Joseph's received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Field on Friday, 1st May. The Church was a sea of colour which St. Joseph's School is famed for and we appreciate the work that goes into acquiring the effect and acknowledging the importance they place on the wonder of the Sacrament.

We extend our congratulations to the boys their parents ,families and teachers.

(The girls from the local schools are receiving their First Holy Communion next Saturday, 9th May and to facilitate the occasion **Mass will be at 9.30am Friday and Saturday**)